



**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**April 16, 2008
Burgess Community Center
701 Laurel Street
Menlo Park**

Chair Naclerio called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Nick Naclerio, Paula Maurano, Patricia M. Watkins, and Kristi Breisch.

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Services Director Barbara Santos George and Jessica Lewis.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Barbara invites commissioners to CSD Kite Day on April 27th at Bayfront Park. She also presents the plans for the Onetta Harris Community Center mural.

**B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS
SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Green Ribbon Citizen Committee - Climate Action Plan (GRCC) – Kristi Breisch
Commissioner Breisch does not have anything to report at this time but will present next meeting.
2. El Camino Real Downtown/Visioning Committee (ECR) - Kristi Breisch
Commissioner Breisch does not have anything to report at this time but will present next meeting.
3. Sports Fields – Andy Kirkpatrick
The consultants are still working on the designs based on the community's suggestions.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (*Limited to 30 minutes*)
NONE**

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Maurano motions to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconds. The minutes for the March 12, 2008 meeting are unanimously approved.

**E. PUBLIC HEARING
NONE**

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Measure O Parks for the Future presentation from Julia Bott, Executive Director of the San Mateo County Park and Recreation Foundation

Julia Bott urges the commission to endorse and vote for Measure O that will be on the June 3rd ballot. The Menlo Park City Council has endorsed the measure. Measure O formally Measure A is entitled Parks for the Future. Measure O will enhance local parks, playing fields and open space in San Mateo County. It will fund parks with a 1/8 cent sales tax. This measure is not a policy measure and will allow the city flexibility on how to spend the funds. Julia asked that the Commission create a sub-committee to help get the word out in favor of Measure O.

2. Burgess Gym presentation from field/Paoli

Based on the last Park and Recreation meeting Field/Paoli revised the previous plans for the Gymnasium and Gymnastics project.

In scheme 1 they eliminated the proposed addition to the existing building and accommodated the full gymnastics program within the existing space. They removed the multi-purpose room and reduced the size of the new gymnasium building to reduce cost. The gymnasium does not include an exercise room. There is no change in existing parking spaces. The estimated project cost for scheme 1 is 20 million dollars.

Scheme 2 was also revamped. The new design has no exercise room and smaller storage and staff break rooms. The full width of the gymnasium was maintained in the new design. For gymnastics room a different layout was used. The design includes a single lobby and staff workroom instead of previous plan. In the previous plan these features were present for each program. There is a net gain of 22 parking spaces. In scheme 2 phased construction is not possible. The estimated project cost for scheme 2 is 23.8 million dollars.

Scheme 3 reduces the area of both buildings and eliminates the multi-purpose room at the gymnastics center. The gymnastics layout has also been changed. There is no change to the existing parking spaces. This scheme does allow for phased construction. The estimated project cost for scheme 3 is 25.7 million dollars.

Field/Paoli will attend the May 21st Park and Recreation Commission meeting at which time they will ask the commission to recommend a plan to council. The final Council presentation will take place on June 3rd.

3. Naming of the new park located on Hamilton Avenue

Members of the Belle Haven Home Owners Association attended the meeting and expressed that the park on Hamilton Avenue should be named Hamilton Park. Commission felt that they should move to name the park in accordance with what the community wants.

**Commissioner Watkins motions to name the park on Hamilton Avenue Hamilton Park.
Commissioner Maurano seconds and motion passes unanimously.**

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

H. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

NONE

J. ADJOURNMENT at 8:37pm